

## What is the application process?

First, borrowers should contact a lending institution to arrange for mortgage financing. Once a need for down payment assistance is determined, applications can be obtained by calling Homeward at 515-532-6477 or any of these rural electric cooperatives (RECs):

Butler County REC  
319-267-2726

Calhoun County Electric Cooperative  
712-297-7112

Franklin REC  
641-456-2557

Grundy County REC  
319-824-5251

Heartland Power Cooperative  
641-713-4965 (St. Ansgar)  
641-584-2251 (Thompson)

Midland Power Cooperative  
515-386-4111 (Jefferson)  
515-332-1616 (Humboldt)

Prairie Energy Cooperative  
515-532-2805 (Clarion)  
641-923-2654 (Gamer)

Raccoon Valley Cooperative  
712-659-3649

## For more information contact:

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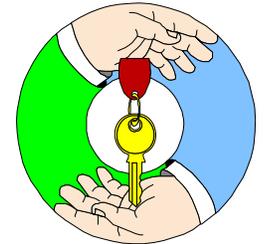
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# HomeBuyer

Program



A low-interest loan program to help you purchase the home you've been looking for.

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*A not-for-profit housing organization for rural Iowa*

## What is the purpose of a down payment assistance loan?

The purpose is to help people purchase homes in rural Iowa. Loans can be used to meet down payment and closing cost requirements.

## How much can someone borrow?

A person can borrow as little as \$1,000 or as much as \$10,000. The amount borrowed must be matched by the borrower's own funds.

## Who is eligible for a loan?

To qualify for a loan, borrower's income must not exceed 100% of the area median income levels.

First-time homebuyers are encouraged to apply, but anyone qualifying for assistance is eligible. The property must be the borrower's primary residence. Income levels can vary from county to county.

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Maximum Allowable Income</b>
1-2	\$67,104
3+	\$77,170

## What are the terms of a loan?

Loans can be for five or 10 years. A five-year loan will have an interest rate of four (4) per cent. A 10-year loan will have an interest rate of five (5) percent.

All loans will require a first or second mortgage on the property as security and may be paid off at any time without penalty.

## Are there any other restrictions to the program?

The sale price of the home cannot exceed \$255,000. Some counties vary.

The home must be located outside of 100-year flood plain areas.

The borrower must use a lending institution for the first mortgage. No contracts will be allowed.

The house must be located in Homeward's 25 county area. Homes in communities with populations in excess of 20,000 are not eligible.



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Federal Fair Housing Law.*

## How is the loan approved?

Homeward will work with the lender involved and the application will be reviewed by Homeward's board for final approval.

## What are the applicant's costs?

Homeward's fees include the cost to record a mortgage with the county, a flood plain certification, a \$30 administration fee and a credit report, if necessary.

## How are payments made?

An ACH payment plan will be used.

## Does the home involved need to be served by a rural electric cooperative (REC)?

No. While RECs do serve in rural areas, it is not required that the house involved be served by an electric cooperative. The RECs believe that increased homeownership will benefit local businesses, communities and the economic growth of rural Iowa.